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PETITION FOR THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated February 26, 2003 by three months. With the extension, the response is due on or before August 26, 2003. Two checks in the amounts of \$205.00 and \$260.00 to cover the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR §1.17(a) (3) for a small entity, are transmitted herewith.

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